GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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SHORTAGE OF VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vocational schools and colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether there is shortage of vocational schools and colleges in comparison to their requirement;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to open more schools and colleges as per their requirement in the country and the success achieved by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) As per the information available with us and provided by University Grants Commission (UGC), thenumber of vocational schools and colleges in the country, State- wise, is given in Annexure-I and II respectively.

b to d) Education is in the concurrent list of Constitution and the primary responsibility for education, including vocational education lies with the State Governments.

In view of the importance of the vocational education, Ministry of Human Resource Developmentlaunched a scheme of vocationalisation of secondary education in 1988. Since then, the Government is providing financial assistance to State Governments for opening sections of vocational courses at plus two level in schools. UGC is alsopromoting vocational education at college level. Commission has informed that financial assistance has been provided to 1841 colleges to run vocational courses during 1994-95 to 2001-2002 and identified 277 institutions to provide financial assistance during current year.